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A Message from the U.S. Attorney

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRIES

Protecting our children from sexual predators is a priority for our office and for the Department of Justice. Among our best tools in this effort are sex offender registries. It is important that we not only become familiar with these tools, but also make them known to parents, educators, and others in our communities.

Federal Registry

The USDOJ maintains a sex offender public website at <http://www.nsopw.gov/Core/Conditions.aspx>. This site contains a search tool that permits a user to submit a single national query to obtain information about sex offenders through a number of search options. You can search the database by name, jurisdiction, zip code, county, or city. The State of Illinois also maintains a Sex Offender Registry at <http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/>. Another good source for federal sex offender information is SMART (Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking) found at <http://www.ojp.gov/smart/>.

State Registry

An excellent site for information about the Illinois law and sex offender registry system can be found at <http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/sor.cfm>.

Illinois Compiled Statutes (730 ILCS 152/ 115 (a) and (b)) mandate that the Illinois State Police establish and maintain a statewide Sex Offender Database, accessible on the Internet, identifying persons who have been convicted of certain sex offenses and/or crimes against children and must register as a Sex Offender. Persons required to register as Sex Offenders are persons who have been charged of an offense listed in Illinois Compiled Statutes 730 ILCS 150/2(B) when such charge results in one of the following:

(a) A conviction for the commission of the offense or attempt to commit the offense;

(b) A finding of not guilty by reason of insanity of committing the offense or attempting to commit the offense; or

(c) A finding not resulting in an acquittal at a hearing for the alleged commission or attempted commission of the offense.

Private Registries

There are also private websites that permit searches for sex offenders. For example, "Family Watchdog" [\[http://www.familywatchdog.us/Default.asp\]](http://www.familywatchdog.us/Default.asp) permits searches by name and/or locale. In addition, the site permits you to sign up for email alerts if there is a change in the area of interest to you. Some of the interesting statistics found on this website include:

- 1 of 5 girls and 1 of 6 boys will be molested before their 18th birthday.
- 90% of all sexual assaults against children are committed by someone whom the victim knew.
- The typical sexual predator will assault 117 times before being caught.
- The re-arrest rate for convicted child molesters is 52%.

The Numbers

Just how many registered sex offenders are out there? According to the NCMEC website, there were about 704,777 registered sex offenders nationwide as of December 8, 2009.

http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/documents/sex-offender-map.pdf

Illinois has about 20,678 registered sex offenders, with a per 100,000 rate of 160. The state with the highest per 100,000 rate is Oregon with 574 per 100,000. Pennsylvania has a rate of 80 per 100,000. Puerto Rico has a rate of 54 per 100,000.

History

A good history of sex offender registration laws can be found on the NCMEC website at:

http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=3032

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<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/ils/index.html>

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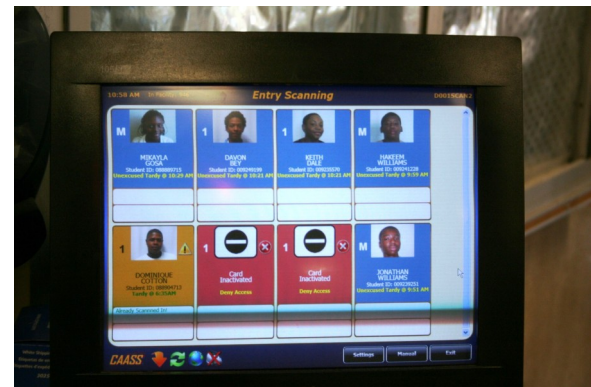
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February 18, 2010: Members of the United States Attorney's Office including U.S. Attorney A. Courtney Cox, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Burke, and Law Enforcement Coordinator Ron Shownes, Illinois State Police, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, East St. Louis Police Department, and Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Region 8 visited the East St. Louis High School in an effort to combine and coordinate resources in the event a response was needed to a critical incident.



February 23-24, 2010: United States Attorney Cox made the opening remarks at the 10th Annual Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit. There were over 260 participants at the conference which was held in Effingham, Illinois, at the Keller Convention Center.



February 25, 2010: The East St. Louis Police Department, in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office, presented a Gang Awareness Program at the New Horizon Community Church in East St. Louis, Illinois. The purpose of the program was to raise awareness for citizens in the metro area concerning gang activity in their community.



Upcoming LECC Activities

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April 6, 2010: At the request of the Mike Norrington, Director of Mobile Training Unit 15, LECC Ron Shownes coordinated a class on Violent Encounters – A Study of Felonious Assaults on Police Officers to be held at John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois.



Violent Encounters – A Study of Felonious Assaults on Our Nation's Law Enforcement Officers



Sponsored by the Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program and the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee

**Presented by 28 year Law Enforcement Veteran and
FBI LEOKA Representative Mike Sumeracki**

Tuesday April 6th, 2010

08:30 to 4:30

**John A. Logan College Room H-127
700 Logan College Road
Carterville, IL 62918**

This program provides information on the history and policy relating to the LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted) Program. Included are in-depth analyses of two studies which were concluded in 1992 and 1997, and resulted in the publications "Killed in the Line of Duty" and "In the Line of Fire." The objectives of these studies were to identify elements in certain situations which led to the ultimate felonious deaths and serious injuries of police officers. Demographic and behavioral descriptors for the victim officers and the offenders were developed and will be presented along with findings and resulting safety training issues.

The emphasis of the presentation will be focused on the final companion study which was concluded in 2006, and resulted in a publication entitled "Violent Encounters." This study examines 40 incidents where police officers survived life threatening attacks. Demographic and behavioral descriptors for the victim officers and the offenders were developed and will be presented along with findings and resulting training issues.

Presentation will consist of lecture and discussion augmented by video of offenders and victim law enforcement personnel. Handout materials will consist of the three studies: "Killed in the Line of Duty," "In the Line of Fire," and "Violent Encounters."

**This training is FREE to all local, state and federal law enforcement officers. Seating is limited. To register call SICJTP at
618 457 3514**

RECENT NOTEWORTHY CASES

HEROIN

On February 19, 2010, [JUAN MANUEL CUEVAS-PEREZ](#), age 38, of Phoenix, Arizona, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, to ten years' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, a \$200 fine, and \$100 in special assessments.

CUEVAS-PEREZ had previously pled guilty on August 14, 2009, to a one-count indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute heroin.

The violation took place on February 9, 2009, in Clark County in Illinois, when a trooper from the Illinois State Police, acting on information from the Department of Homeland Security, stopped a car driven by **CUEVAS-PEREZ** as he was traveling east on Interstate 70 in Effingham County. A K-9 officer and his dog were called to the stop and determined that a controlled substance was in the car. A search revealed that more than one kilogram of heroin had been concealed inside the door panels and roof of the vehicle.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Casey Police Department K-9 unit, Illinois State Police, and Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.

On March 2, 2010, [JAMIE E. DAY](#), age 25, of Jerseyville, Illinois, pled guilty in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to a federal indictment charging her with one count of distribution of a controlled substance resulting in death.

At her change of plea hearing, **DAY** admitted providing heroin to Kelby W. Willman in Jerseyville after a party during the late evening hours of June 8-9, 2009. Willman then injected himself and died. Willman resided in Elsah, Illinois, and was 23 years old when he died.

DAY is scheduled to be sentenced on June 4, 2010, in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis. She faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, up to five years' supervised release, a fine of up to \$1,000,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Jerseyville Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Garrison.

COCAINE AND HEROIN

On March 3, 2010, [DAVID N. BARNES](#), age 22, **ALPHONSO G. LANG**, age 21, **KASS A. BARNES**, age 26, **KAI A. REEVES**, age 22, **JASON M. WALLACE**, age 31, **RICKY J. NORWOOD, Jr.**, age 18, **GERALD W. LEE**, age 21, **TERRY O. JOHNSON**, age 27, and **CARLOS SCOTT, Jr.**, age 19, all of Centralia, Illinois, were charged in a multi-count federal superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Benton, Illinois.

Count 1 charges **DAVID N. BARNES**, **ALPHONSO G. LANG**, **KASS A. BARNES**, **KAI A. REEVES**, **JASON M. WALLACE**, **RICKY J. NORWOOD, Jr.**, **GERALD W. LEE**, **TERRY O. JOHNSON**, and **CARLOS SCOTT, Jr.**, with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The amount of crack cocaine involved in the conspiracy is more than 50 grams.

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Count 2 charges **DAVID N. BARNES** and **KAI REEVES** with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin.

Count 3 charges **DAVID N. BARNES** with possession with the intent to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine. Counts 4 and 5 each charge **DAVID N. BARNES** with distribution of crack cocaine.

Counts 6 and 7 each charge **ALPHONSO G. LANG** with distribution of crack cocaine.

Counts 8 and 9 each charge **KASS A. BARNES** with distribution of crack cocaine.

Counts 10 and 11 each charge **KAI REEVES** with distribution of crack cocaine. Count 12 charges **KAI REEVES** with distribution of heroin.

Counts 13 and 14 each charge **JASON M. WALLACE** with distribution of crack cocaine.

Counts 15 and 16 each charge **RICKY J. NORWOOD, Jr.**, with distribution of crack cocaine. Count 17 charges **RICKY J. NORWOOD, Jr.**, with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Counts 18 and 19 each charge **GERALD W. LEE** with distribution of crack cocaine.

Counts 20 and 21 each charge **TERRY O. JOHNSON** with distribution of crack cocaine.

Counts 22 and 23 each charge **CARLOS SCOTT, Jr.**, with distribution of crack cocaine.

With respect to Count 1, the defendants face a penalty of ten years' to life imprisonment, at least five years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000.

With respect to Count 2, the defendants face a penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, at least three years' supervised release, and a fine

of up to \$1,000,000.

Count 3 carries a potential penalty of ten years' to life imprisonment, at least five years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000.

With respect to Counts 4, 5, 8, and 11, each defendant faces a potential penalty of five to 40 years' imprisonment, at least four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000.

With respect to all other counts, each defendant faces a penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, at least three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1,000,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Centralia Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Illinois State Police, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County State's Attorney's Office, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service, and other law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

COCAINE

On February 18, 2010, [JAMES S. HUBBARD, JR., a/k/a "Bo,"](#) age 33, of Colp, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

HUBBARD, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine, was sentenced to 264 months' imprisonment, ten

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years' supervised release, and a \$500 fine.

The violation took place between 2005 and June 2009 in Williamson and Saline Counties in Illinois. At sentencing, the district court found that **HUBBARD** was responsible for the distribution of over ten kilograms of cocaine. **HUBBARD** received a sentence enhancement based on the presence of firearms during the cocaine conspiracy. **HUBBARD's** sentence was also enhanced based on his obstruction of justice for threatening a confidential source with a knife.

The investigation was part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) operation and was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Illinois State Police, and Southern Illinois Enforcement Group. In addition, the Williamson and Jackson County State's Attorney's Offices assisted throughout the investigation. The OCDETF initiative is a cooperative effort of federal, state, and local police agencies designed to target national and international drug organizations.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On February 19, 2010, [SOLOMON WYATT](#), age 42, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

WYATT received 30 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, a \$600 fine, and \$100 in special assessments.

WYATT had previously pled guilty on October 15, 2009, to a one-count indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine, in Me-

tropolis, Illinois.

WYATT was charged with having distributed 3.2 grams of crack cocaine to a confidential informant for \$500 on July 10, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, Metropolis Police Department, and Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies directed at removing guns and drugs from our communities.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.

On February 19, 2010, [RAYMOND D. WOOLEY](#), a/k/a "Dub," age 25, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

WOOLEY, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, was sentenced to 132 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, and a \$500 fine.

The violation took place between August 2006 and August 2008 in Jackson County, Illinois. Two co-defendants have already been sentenced for their involvement in the crack cocaine conspiracy. Three co-defendants have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing. Two co-defendants have pled not guilty and are currently awaiting jury trial.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police

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Department, Illinois State Police, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Carbondale Police Department, and Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On March 8, 2010, [BRANDON McNEESE](#), age 24, of Cahokia, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to 60 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, an assessment of \$100, and a \$300 fine. **McNEESE** had previously entered a plea of guilty on September 24, 2009, to one count of possession with intent to distribute more than five grams of crack cocaine.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel T. Kapsak.

METHAMPHETAMINE

On February 17, 2010, [DREW A. SEIBERT](#), age 34, of Desoto, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Benton, Illinois, in a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

The violation took place between January 2007 and December 5, 2009, in Jackson County, Illinois.

The offense carries a penalty of five to 40 years' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and Murphysboro Police Department pursuant to their participation in the Pro-

ject Safe Neighborhoods. In addition, the Jackson County States Attorney's Office assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On February 17, 2010, [MICHAEL V. RUSHING](#), age 38, of Dongola, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury in East St. Louis, Illinois, in a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

The violation is alleged to have taken place between March 2008 and November 28, 2009, in Union County, Illinois.

The offense carries a penalty of five to 40 years' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. **RUSHING** made his initial appearance in federal court on March 1, 2010, and is currently being held without bond pending a jury trial which is currently scheduled for May 3, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Union County Sheriff's Office and Jackson County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Union County States Attorney Tyler Edmonds, as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On February 23, 2010, [JULIO OSEGUERA](#), age 22, of Collinsville, Illinois, pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and distribution of methamphetamine.

The violations took place between September 2007 and May 2009 in St. Clair County, Illinois.

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The potential penalties for the conspiracy charge are ten years to life imprisonment, at least five years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. The distribution charge penalties are five to 40 years' imprisonment, at least four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000.

OSEGUERA's sentencing is set for June 2, 2010, in East St. Louis.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Fairmont City Police Department under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ranley R. Killian.

On February 26, 2010, **AMANDA OVER-STREET**, age 26, of Bethalto, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, for distribution of a controlled substance resulting in death.

OVERSTREET received ten year's imprisonment and three years' supervised release and was ordered to pay a special assessment of \$100 and \$5,421 in restitution to the victim's family.

OVERSTREET had previously pled guilty on October 28, 2009, to selling methadone to Jared R. Hawkins on November 28, 2004. Hawkin's body was discovered at his residence in Alton, Illinois, on December 1, 2004. Hawkins died from ingesting the methadone which **OVERSTREET** had sold to him. Hawkins was 23 years old when he died.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Alton Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Garrison.

On March 1, 2010, **FLOYD L. HOGG**, age 69, of Carterville, Illinois, pled guilty in the U.S. District Court to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The violation took place between December 2005 and April 10, 2009, in Jackson, Williamson, and Franklin Counties in Illinois.

The offense carries a penalty of five to 40 years' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. **HOGG** is currently being held without bond pending a sentencing hearing which is currently scheduled for June 3, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team - COMIT Drug Task Force, and Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On March 5, 2010, **JAMES G. HUMPHRIES**, age 36, of Broughton, Illinois, **GEORGE F. SHANKS, III**, age 39, of Fayetteville, Illinois, and **CHRISTIAN L. BROUSSARD**, age 36, and **DANIEL D. ROBERTSON**, age 44, both of Lenzburg, Illinois, were sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The four co-defendants had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment, charging them with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The conspiracy operated between at least

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December 2007 and March 2009 in St. Clair, Madison, and Randolph Counties in Illinois.

HUMPHRIES was sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment and ten years' supervised release and was ordered to pay a total fine of \$850. **SHANKS** was sentenced to 84 months' imprisonment and four years' supervised release and was ordered to pay a total fine of \$600. **BROUSSARD** was sentenced to 37 months' imprisonment and four years' supervised release and was ordered to pay a total fine of \$475. **ROBERTSON** was sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment and four years' supervised release and was ordered to pay a total fine of \$600.

Also, on March 5, 2010, co-defendant **STEVEN H. MADDEN**, age 44, of Fayetteville, Illinois, entered a guilty plea to the one-count indictment. **MADDEN** is currently being held without bond pending his sentencing hearing which is currently scheduled for June 11, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

MARIJUANA

On February 23, 2010, **TEREZ BROWNING**, age 33, of Fairview Heights, Illinois, pled guilty in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to a one-count superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana.

BROWNING will be sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, on June 4,

2010. **BROWNING** faces a sentence of five to 20 years' imprisonment, at least four years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel T. Kapsak.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

On March 3, 2010, **BRANDON R. LOWE**, age 21, of Dowell, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Benton, Illinois, in a one-count indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, specifically 4-Bromo-2,5-Dimethoxyphenethylamine, in the form commonly called "2C-B."

The violation is alleged to have taken place on August 6, 2009, in Jackson County.

The offense carries a possible penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1,000,000. **LOWE** made his initial appearance in federal court on March 9, 2010. He was released on bond pending his jury trial, which is currently scheduled for May 18, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Customs and Border Protection, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Perry County Sheriff's Office, and Drug Enforcement Administration. In addition, the Jackson County States Attorney's Office assisted during the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

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SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT AGAINST GALLATIN SHERIFF RAYMOND MARTIN

On March 3, 2010, a federal grand jury in Benton, Illinois, returned a 15-count superseding indictment against [RAYMOND M. MARTIN](#), age 46, of Junction, Illinois.

Specifically, the superseding indictment charges **MARTIN** with three counts of distribution of marijuana (Counts 1-3), two counts of carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime (Counts 4-5), one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute marijuana (Count 6), three counts of witness tampering by attempting to use physical force (Counts 7-9), one count of conspiracy to tamper with witnesses by using physical force (Count 10), three counts of witness tampering by attempting to intimidate, threaten, and corruptly persuade a witness (Counts 11-13), one count of conspiracy to tamper with witnesses by attempting to intimidate, threaten, and corruptly persuade (Count 14), and one count of attempting to structure financial transactions to evade currency reporting requirements (Count 15).

The drug offenses are alleged to have been committed between November 2008 and May 2009 in Gallatin County. The witness tampering offenses are alleged to have been committed between September 2009 and December 2009 in Gallatin and Jackson Counties. The structuring offense is alleged to have been committed on or about December 30, 2009, in Jackson and Gallatin Counties.

In addition to those charges, the grand jury also found probable cause to require the forfeiture of **MARTIN's** residence in Junction, Illinois, as facilitating property of the conspiracy offense alleged in Count 6, the forfeiture of up to \$104,000 which was found in **MARTIN's** resi-

dence as proceeds of that offense, the forfeiture of the firearm used to commit the offenses alleged in Counts 4-5, and the forfeiture of \$32,400 in cash which was the object of the structuring offense alleged in count 15.

MARTIN, who is the elected sheriff of Gallatin County, Illinois, has been held without bond in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service since his arrest by state and federal agents on May 18, 2009, at his office in the Gallatin County courthouse. Trial in the case is currently set for April 12, 2010, at the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

If convicted, each of the marijuana distribution counts (Counts 1-3) carries a maximum sentence of five years' imprisonment, at least two years supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. The first firearm count (Count 4) carries a penalty of five years to life imprisonment, which must be served consecutively to any sentence on the drug counts, up to five years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. The second firearm count (Count 5) carries a 25 years to life imprisonment, which must be served consecutively to the sentences imposed on all other counts, up to five years' imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000. Each of the witness tampering offenses (Counts 7-14) carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, up to five years' supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. The structuring offense (Count 15) carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment, up to two years' supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Carmi office of the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Illinois State Police, and Mt. Vernon Police Department.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James M. Cutchin.

FIREARMS OFFENSES

On February 17, 2010, a federal grand jury in East St. Louis, Illinois, returned an indictment charging [ANDRE P. INGRAM](#), age 47, of East St. Louis, with two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that the offenses occurred on or about February 2, 2010, and August 5, 2009, in St. Clair County.

Each count carries a potential maximum sentence of up to ten years' imprisonment, up to three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

INGRAM was arrested and appeared in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis on February 18, 2010, for arraignment on the charges. **INGRAM** was ordered detained without bond and was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service. Trial in the case is currently scheduled for April 19, 2010, in East St. Louis.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Illinois State Police, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This investigation arose out of the U.S. Attorney's initiative to combat violent crime in and around East St. Louis.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deirdre A. Durborow.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

On February 17, 2010, [KEVIN T. DUNIGAN](#), age 54, of Cahokia, Illinois, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The indictment charges **DUNIGAN** with receipt of child pornography (Count 1) and possession of child pornography (Count 2).

If convicted, **DUNIGAN** faces a penalty of five to 20 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, and five years' to life supervised release on Count 1. **DUNIGAN** also faces a penalty of up to ten years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, and five years' to life supervised release on Count 2.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Cahokia Police Department.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicole E. Gorovsky.

On March 4, 2010, [DARYL J. STEARNS](#), age 46, formerly of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

STEARNS was sentenced to 48 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, and a \$500 fine.

STEARNS had previously pled guilty to a one-count federal indictment. The indictment charged that on September 5, 2008, **STEARNS**

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possessed child pornography that had been mailed or shipped or transported in interstate commerce.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Illinois Attorney General's Office Crimes Against Children Task Force. This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, in which the United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of possessing, producing, or trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation or their local police department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

On February 17, 2010, [JOSEPH EMIL KLUG](#), age 29, of Granite City, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury in a two-count indictment charging him with production and possession of child pornography. Production of child pornography is punishable by a term of 15 to 30 years' imprisonment, five years' to life supervised release, and a fine up to \$250,000.

On February 22, 2010, **KLUG** appeared in open court for arraignment and was ordered to remain in custody until trial, which is currently scheduled for April 26, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Metro East Cyber-crime Task Force.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Suzanne M. Garrison.

On February 23, 2010, [STEVEN R. SNODGRASS](#), age 59, of Altamont, Illinois, was convicted on three counts involving child pornography following a two-day jury trial in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

SNODGRASS was convicted of one count of attempting to receive child pornography, and two counts of possessing child pornography. The evidence at trial established that **SNODGRASS** attempted to purchase child pornography during an undercover operation by federal law enforcement authorities. The evidence also established that **SNODGRASS** possessed child pornography in his residence in Altamont, Illinois.

The offenses occurred between September 1 and October 16, 2008. **SNODGRASS** is facing a sentence of five to 40 years' imprisonment, at least five years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$750,000. Sentencing is currently scheduled for May 13, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Altamont Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys George A. Norwood and Nicole E. Gorovsky.

BANK ROBBERY

On February 26, 2010, [LAWRENCE W. NOASCONO](#), age 37, of Herrin, Illinois, pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with aiding and abetting bank robbery.

The violation took place on August 3, 2009, in Murphysboro, Illinois. The offense carries a penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. **NOASCONO** is currently being held

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without bond pending a sentencing hearing which is currently scheduled for June 14, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and Illinois State Police Crime Lab, in cooperation with Jackson County States Attorney Michael Wepsiec, as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

HEALTHCARE FRAUD

On February 18, 2010, [JAMES PHILLIP DURHAM, M.D.](#), age 72, of West Frankfort, Illinois, and president of **FRANKLIN RURAL HEALTH CARE CLINIC**, an Illinois corporation, doing business in Christopher, Illinois, was sentenced for making false statements to a federal health care program. **FRANKLIN RURAL HEALTH CARE CLINIC** was also sentenced for health care fraud. Both **DURHAM** and **FRANKLIN RURAL HEALTH CARE CLINIC** were sentenced to probation for two years.

The charging documents indicate that **DURHAM** instructed clinic employees to bill Medicare and Medicaid for non-covered medical services. Medicare was fraudulently billed for \$42,503 from January 1, 2003, through May 31, 2006. During that same time frame, Medicaid was improperly billed \$145,388.46. The total loss amounts to \$187,841.86.

The United States Attorney's Office also prosecuted the defendants in a civil fraud enforcement action. The defendants agreed to settle and have paid \$360,357.22 to settle the civil enforcement action. The action contended that the defendants engaged in fraudulent conduct

from January 1, 2003, to May 31, 2006, by submitting or causing to be submitted false claims from rural health clinic patient visits.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General, Illinois State Police, and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The criminal cases were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Liam Coonan.

The civil actions were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald M. Burke.

March 1-31

United States: Siege at Branch Davidian Compound, Waco, Texas. The Waco Siege took place on February 28, 1993, when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives attempted to execute a search warrant at the Branch Davidian ranch in Waco, Texas. An exchange of gunfire resulted in the deaths of four agents and six Davidians. A subsequent 51-day siege by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ended on April 19 when fire destroyed the compound. Seventy-six people died along with Davidian leader Vernon Wayne Howell, better known as David Koresh. (1993)

March 1

Pakistan: Khalid Shaykh Muhammad arrested; planned September 11 attacks in the U.S. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was a member of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda organization, although he lived in Kuwait rather than Afghanistan, heading al-Qaeda's propaganda operations from some time around 1999. According to the 9/11 Commission Report, he was "the principal architect of the 9/11 attacks." He is also thought to have had, or has confessed to, a role in many of the most significant terrorist plots over the last 20 years, including the World Trade Center 1993 bombings, the Operation Bojinka plot, an aborted 2002 attack on Los Angeles' U.S. Bank Tower, the Bali nightclub bombings, the failed bombing of American Airlines Flight 63, the Millennium Plot, and the murder of Daniel Pearl. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was captured in Rawalpindi by the Pakistani ISI and has been in U.S. custody since that time. (2003)

United Kingdom: Twenty-one groups banned under new terrorism law; Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam office first to be closed. (2001)

March 2

El Salvador: A right-wing terrorist group, reportedly headed by former Salvadoran Army Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, assassinated Archbishop Oscar Adolfo Romero. This provoked an international out-cry for reform in El Salvador. (1980)

March 3

Philippines: Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) explodes bomb hidden in backpack in a crowded airport terminal, killing 21 and injuring 146 others. The MILF is a Muslim separatist rebel group located in Southern Philippines. (2003)

Pakistan: Unknown group bombs Shia Muslim parade in Quetta, killing 47 and wounding 120. (2004)

West Bank: Sniper kills seven Israeli soldiers and three others. (2002)

Algeria: al-Qaeda in Islamic Maghreb bombs convoy carrying Russian workers, killing seven and wounding five. (2007)

March 4

Turkey: Suspected Kurdistan Workers Party suicide bomber kills three in Batman. (1999)

March 5

Israel: HAMMAS suicide bomber explodes bomb aboard bus, killing 15, including a U.S. citizen, and injuring 40 others. (2003)

Sri Lanka: Bus bomb kills 37 and wounds more than 250; Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam blamed. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, commonly known as the Tamil Tigers, are a militant Tamil nationalist organization that has engaged in a secessionist campaign since the 1970s in order to create a separate Tamil state in the north and east of Sri Lanka. This campaign has developed into the Sri Lankan Civil War. The Tamil Tigers are currently proscribed as a terrorist organization by 32 countries. The Tamil Tigers are headed by their founder, Velupillai Prabhakaran. (1998)

Jerusalem: Bomb explodes inside Arab schoolyard, injuring eight; Avengers of the Infants claims responsibility. (2002)

KEY DATES IN MARCH, continued

March 6

Venezuela: Bodies of three U.S. peace activists found; Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia responsible. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia), also known by the acronym FARC, is a self-proclaimed Marxist-Leninist revolutionary guerrilla organization. FARC is considered a terrorist group by the Colombian government, the U.S. Department of State, Canada, and the European Union. (1999)

Israel: Eight students killed in attack on yeshiva in Jerusalem; HAMAS claims responsibility. (2008)

Iraq: Suicide bombers detonate themselves in a crowd of Shia pilgrims in Al Hillah, killing 120 and injuring 190. (2007)

March 7

Bangladesh: Two bombs kill ten and wound 75 at political meeting; Harakat-ul-Jihad backed by Bin Ladin suspected. (1999)

March 8

Pakistan: Gunmen kill two U.S. diplomats and wound one in Karachi. (1995)

Worldwide: International Women's Day

March 9

United States: Birthday of George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party. (1919)

United States: A group of 12 armed men, all African American converts to Islam who called themselves Hanafi Muslims, brought havoc to the central area of Washington, D.C. Divided into three groups, the men stormed into the city's Islamic Center, City Council chambers, and the headquarters of B'nai B'rith, America's oldest Jewish organization. Wielding rifles, shotguns, and machetes, the men took about 184 people hostage. They were led by Hamaas Abdul Khaalis, an African American convert who had served as secretary to Malcolm X. After seizing the buildings, Khaalis issued a series of demands. First he wanted authorities to hand over to him the five Nation of Islam members who had been arrested for brutally murdering several members of his family, including some infants, four years earlier. Then he demanded that authorities ban the showing of the movie Mohammad, Messenger of God, which he deemed offensive to Islam. This second request was granted and theaters nationwide stopped showing the controversial movie. The siege ended two days later, after extensive negotiations led by the Egyptian, Pakistani, and Iranian ambassadors to the U.S., who read the men passages from the Quran about compassion and mercy. A security guard and a journalist were killed during the siege, and several others, including Washington mayor-to-be Marion Barry, were injured. (1977)

Turkey: Two suicide bombers in Istanbul kill two and wound six; Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigade claims responsibility. (2004)

Israel: Suicide bomb kills 11 and injures 25 inside a crowded Jerusalem café; HAMAS claims responsibility. (2002)

Islamic: Mawlid al-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad) observed by Sunnis on this date.

March 10

Sri Lanka: Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) conducts suicide motorcade ambush; 29 killed, 70 wounded. (2000)

March 11

Spain: Ten Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) hidden in backpacks detonated on four trains along a commuter train line in Madrid where 191 people were killed and 1400 were injured. The attack was attributed to several groups; Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades, al-Qaeda, and Tafkir wal-Hijra. (2004)

March 12

Colombia: FARC leader Vladimir Gonzales Obregon killed by the Colombian Army. (1999)

India: Bomb attacks leave 250 dead, 700 wounded; Pakistan denies responsibility. (1993)

March 13

Turkey: Bombing at shopping center kills three and wounds six; Revenge Falcons of Apo claims responsibility. (1999)

March 14

Greece: Police located and detonated a bomb outside a Citibank branch in Athens that was claimed by the Revolutionary Struggle. (2004)

Islamic: Mawlid al-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad) observed by Shia on this date.

March 15

Turkey: Russian plane hijacked; 45 of 174 hostages freed or escaped. Two hostages and one hijacker killed; remaining hostages released. (2001)

March 16

Iraq: Iraqi forces attack Halabja residents with chemical weapons. (1988)

Lebanon: American journalist Terry Anderson kidnapped. (1985)

Lebanon: American official William Buckley seized, later killed by Hizballah. (1984)

March 17

Pakistan: An unidentified man ran down the aisle of the Protestant International Church in Islamabad throwing grenades at worshipers that killed two Americans and three others and injured approximately 42 people. (2002)

Argentina: Car bomb destroys Israeli Embassy, killing 28 and wounding 220; Lebanese Hizballah claims responsibility. (1992)

♣ St. Patrick's Day, colloquially St. Paddy's Day or Paddy's Day, is an annual feast day that celebrates Saint Patrick (circa 385–461 AD), one of the patron saints of Ireland.

March 18

Philippines: The Moro National Liberation Front was founded. The Moro National Liberation Front is a political organization in the Philippines. It is accredited by the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which allows it to represent Moros with an observer status. Currently, the group is the ruling party of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. (1968)

March 19

United States: The commencement of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (2003)

Afghanistan: Suicide bomber attacks U.S. embassy convoy, wounding two officials and one Afghan child; Taliban claims responsibility. (2007)

March 20

Japan: Sarin nerve-gas attack on a subway in Tokyo by the AUM Shinrikyo, 12 killed and 5,000 injured. (1995)

Israel: Suicide bomb detonates on bus, killing seven and injuring 30; Islamic Jihad responsible. (2002)

Mawlid an-Nabi (Birthday of Muhammad) (Islamic)

Tunisia: Independence Day

March 21

Palestinian: Solidarity Day - Arab Solidarity Day with the Palestinian people against Israel. (1949)

United States: Earth Liberation Front (ELF) claimed responsibility for vandalizing vehicles at the Naval Recruiting Station in Montgomery, Alabama. A cargo truck was set on fire and five other vehicles were spray-painted with anti-war messages, including "ELF." (2003)

Israel: Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade suicide bomber detonates bomb in crowd of shoppers in Jerusalem; three killed, 86 injured. (2002)

KEY DATES IN MARCH, continued

March 22

Israel: Israeli Defense Forces killed Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas. (2004)

Iraq: A car bomb that exploded near a U.S. Air Force Base north of Baghdad killed two Iraqis and injured 25 others. (2004)

March 23

Pakistan: Pakistan Day

Algeria: Seven Armed Islamic Group extremists sentenced to death for assassinating Archbishop of Oran. (1998)

March 24

India: Armed militants dressed in military uniforms kill 24. (2003)

March 25

United States: Animal activists vandalized the Rancho Veal Plant, a slaughterhouse in Petaluma, California. Graffiti on the building read "Stop the Killing." Estimated damages were \$10,000. (2003)

March 26

Egypt: Israel ratifies Camp David accords. (1978)

Bangladesh: Independence Day

March 27

Algeria: Abdelmajid Dahoumane is wanted by the FBI in connection with the 2000 Millennium Plot to blow up Los Angeles International Airport. A Salafist member, he is considered a close associate of Ahmed Ressam, the two of them having spent three weeks together in a Canadian hotel room prior to Ressam's arrest. At his trial, Ressam testified in 2001 that Dahoumane had helped to build the explosives at that time, but that he had not told Dahoumane the intended target. On March 25, 2001, the Algerian government announced they had Dahoumane in custody, but would not extradite him to stand trial in the United States; instead they preferred to try him in their own courts as an example to their population who have been plagued by fundamentalist violence. (2001)

Iraq: Two truck bombs target Shia areas of Tal Afar, killing 152 and injuring 347. (2007)

Israel: Twenty-nine people killed and 140 injured by suicide bomb detonated at hotel during Passover Seder; HAMAS claims responsibility. (2002)

March 28

United States: The Three Mile Island accident was a partial core meltdown in Unit 2 (a pressurized water reactor) of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg. It was the most significant accident in the history of the American commercial nuclear power generating industry. (1979)

March 29

West Bank: HAMAS mater bomber Muhi al-Din Sharif killed in Ramallah. (1998)

March 30

Israel: Suicide bombing kills one and injures 30 in Tel Aviv; al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claims responsibility. (2002)

Palestinian: Land Day (Yawm al-Ard; commemoration of six people killed during protest of Israeli seizure of land. (1976)

March 31

Israel: Suicide bomber strikes restaurant, killing 15 people and injuring more than 40; HAMAS claims responsibility. (2002)